

11th November 1965]

[*Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]*

MR. SPEAKER : Judging from the nature of the work pending, may I take it that we are sitting to-morrow also? Hon. Members may be aware that I announced at the beginning of the sitting that the House would be sitting till the 12th November. However, I find there were suggestions that the House should adjourn to-day. But as it may not be possible to finish the business to-day, I wish to announce that we are sitting to-morrow also.

II.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) SUSPENSION OF RULE 41 (3).

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, under Rule 244 of the Assembly Rules, I move—

“ That sub-rule (3) of rule 41 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, in so far as it requires that not more than one matter shall be raised under Rule 41 at the same sitting, be suspended ”.

The motion was put and carried, unanimously.

III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO.

(1) ACCUMULATION OF STOCKS OF YARN.

SRI V. SANKARAN : Sir, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Industries to a matter of urgent public importance, namely the glut and the accumulation of stocks of yarn with the spinning mills in the State, the consequent danger of large scale unemployment of thousands of labourers in these mills and the prompt steps to be taken to avert the same.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I wish to make the following statement :—

There are 156 textile mills in the State producing about 70,000 bales of cotton yarn per month of which 50,000 bales are available for civil consumption. The optimum capacity of the handloom industry is about 20,000 bales a month.

Yarn produced by the textile mill in our State is surplus to our requirements and nearly 50 to 60 per cent of yarn intended for civil consumption is sold to consumers in other States. Due to national emergency and the credit squeeze initiated by the Reserve Bank of India there was unprecedented shrinkage of trade resulting in accumulation of stocks.

The Southern India Mill Owners' Association requested the Government to grant reliefs to tide over the difficulty by way of removal of excise duty on cone yarn and fine yarn, advance by